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1. PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET WILL CHAIR A MARCH 3 MEETING TO
DISCUSS THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NATIONAL CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN.
CONSCRIPTION CHIEF OF STAFF BG YONG YOC HANG EXPECTS CENSUS
RESULTS TO BE TABULATED BY MID-MARCH AND THEN WILL LAUNCH THE
RENEWED CONSCRIPTION EFFORT ON THE BASIS OF REDRAWN DRAFT LISTS.
IN THE MEANTIME CONSCRIPTION WILL CARRY ON WITH THE OLD MAN-
POWER LISTS. COMMENT: YONG YOC HANG'S TIMING IS TOO SLOW AND
WE EXPECT THE PM TO PUSH FOR ACCELERATED LAUNCHING OF THE SE-
COND CONSCRIPTION PHASE.

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2. CENSUS PROBLEMS NOW CENTER ON DISTRICT CHIEFS, WHO, ACCORDING TO BOTH YONG YOC HANG AND A DISTRICT OFFICIAL, HAVE DEVELOPED WRITERS' CRAMP FROM SIGNING THE MULTITUDE OF CENSUS FORMS. THE TWO MAJOR WARDS HAVE ALMOST FINISHED QUESTIONING HOUSEHOLDERS BUT A FAIR AMOUNT OF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE COMPLETING FORMS AT MILITARY CAMPS. THESE RESULTS WILL BE MELDED INTO THE ONGOING TABULATIONS AS THEY ARE BROUGHT IN.

3. MIXED PATROLS HAD BROUGHT IN 127 DESERTERS AND 55 DRAFT DODGERS BY FEBRUARY 28. MARCHALL LON NOL HAS APPROVED A REWARD OF 500 RIELS PER DESERTER ARRESTED TO GO TO THE ARRESTING MIXED PATROL. THEY ARE NOW TAKING A BREAK WHILE UNIT COMMANDERS PICK UP THE DESERTERS AND WILL RESUME AFTER THE MARCH 3 MEETING ISSUES NEW ORDERS. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNIT COMMANDERS TO PICK UP THEIR BLACK SHEEP NOT THAT BEGINNING IN MARCH DESERTERS WILL BE SENT TO UNITS FAR FROM THE CAPITAL.

4. CONSCRIPTION STATISTICS OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS HAVE SHOWN A STEADY INCREASE. OVER THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE FOURTH WEEK (FEB. 26-28) PHNOM PENH SENT 288 MEN TO THE RECRUITMENT CENTER INDICATING A CONTINUATION OF AN UPWARD TREND WHICH WE ATTRIBUTE IN LARGE PART TO THE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES. ENDERS

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